

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### Listing of Claims:

1           1. (Currently amended) A method for facilitating secure communication  
2    between two networked devices, ~~A computer-controlled method~~ comprising:  
3           establishing communication between a situation notification device and a  
4    provisioning device over a preferred channel, wherein said preferred channel has a  
5    demonstrative identification property and an authenticity property;  
6           providing provisioning information to said situation notification device  
7    over said preferred channel, wherein said situation notification device is  
8    automatically configured to receive subject matter information responsive to said  
9    provisioning information;  
10          receiving said subject matter information;  
11          verifying said subject matter information with said provisioning  
12    information; and  
13          presenting said subject matter information to a user of the situation  
14    notification device responsive to the step of verifying, wherein the step of  
15    verifying ensures that the subject matter information is genuine.

1           2. (Currently amended) ~~The computer-controlled method~~ The method of  
2    claim 1, wherein the step of providing further comprises:  
3           exchanging key commitment information over said preferred channel  
4    between said provisioning device and said situation notification device;  
5           receiving a public key by said situation notification device;

6            verifying said public key with said key commitment information; and  
7            receiving a credential authorized by a credential issuing authority.

1            3. (Currently amended) ~~The computer-controlled method~~The method of  
2            claim 1, wherein said preferred channel is a location-limited channel.

1            4. (Currently amended) ~~The computer-controlled method~~The method of  
2            claim 1, wherein said preferred channel uses a telephone switching system.

1            5. (Canceled)

1            6. (Currently amended) ~~The computer-controlled method~~The method of  
2            claim 1, wherein subject matter information is received using an antenna, a  
3            telephone line, a local area network, a wide area network, a wireless network, or a  
4            broadcast network.

1            7. (Currently amended) ~~The computer-controlled method~~The method of  
2            claim 1, wherein said situation notification device is a computer, a television, a  
3            radio, a telephone, a push to talk device, a pager, a clock, a thermostat, a network  
4            appliance, or a home appliance.

1            8. (Currently amended) ~~The computer-controlled method~~The method of  
2            claim 1, further comprising forwarding said subject matter information.

1            9. (Currently amended) ~~The computer-controlled method~~The method of  
2            claim 1, wherein said subject matter information is alarm information.

1            10. (Currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing

2 instructions that when executed by a computer cause the computer to present  
3 subject matter information, the method comprising steps of:  
4       establishing communication between a situation notification device and a  
5 provisioning device over a preferred channel, wherein said preferred channel has a  
6 demonstrative identification property and an authenticity property;  
7       providing provisioning information to said situation notification device  
8 over said preferred channel, wherein said situation notification device is  
9 automatically configured to receive said subject matter information responsive to  
10 said provisioning information;  
11       receiving said subject matter information;  
12       verifying said subject matter information with said provisioning  
13 information; and  
14       presenting said subject matter information to a user of the situation  
15 notification device responsive to the step of verifying, wherein the step of  
16 verifying ensures that the subject matter information is genuine.

1       11. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 10,  
2 wherein the step of providing  
3 further comprises:  
4       exchanging key commitment information over said preferred channel  
5 between said provisioning device and said situation notification device;  
6       receiving a public key by said situation notification device;  
7       verifying said public key with said key commitment information; and  
8       receiving a credential authorized by a credential issuing authority.

1       12. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 10,  
2 wherein said preferred channel is a location-limited channel.

1           13. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 10,  
2 wherein said preferred channel uses a telephone switching system.

1           14. (Canceled)

1           15. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 10,  
2 wherein subject matter information is received using an antenna, a telephone line,  
3 a local area network, a wide area network, a wireless network, or a broadcast  
4 network.

1           16. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 10,  
2 wherein said situation notification device is a computer, a television, a radio, a  
3 telephone, a push to talk device, a pager, a clock, a thermostat, a network  
4 appliance, or a home appliance.

1           17. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 10, further  
2 comprising forwarding said subject matter information.

1           18. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 10,  
2 wherein said subject matter information is alarm information.

1           19. (Currently amended) An apparatus comprising:  
2           at least one port configured to establish a preferred channel, wherein said  
3 preferred channel has a demonstrative identification property and an authenticity  
4 property;  
5           a first communication mechanism configured to receive provisioning  
6 information over said preferred channel, whereby the apparatus is configured to be

7 able to receive subject matter information responsive to said provisioning  
8 information;  
9 a second communication mechanism configured to receive said subject  
10 matter information subsequent to operation of the first communication  
11 mechanism;  
12 a verification mechanism configured to verify said subject matter  
13 information with said provisioning information; and  
14 a presentation mechanism configured to present said subject matter  
15 information to a user of the situation notification device responsive to the  
16 verification mechanism, wherein the step of verifying ensures that the subject  
17 matter information is genuine.

1 20. (Original) The apparatus of claim 19, wherein the first communication  
2 mechanism further comprises:  
3 a key commitment receiver mechanism configured to receive key  
4 commitment information through said at least  
5 one port;  
6 a key receiver mechanism configured to receive a public key;  
7 a pre-authentication mechanism configured to verify said public key with  
8 said key commitment information; and  
9 a credential provisioning mechanism configured to be able to  
10 automatically provide a credential authorized by a credential issuing authority  
11 responsive to the pre-authentication mechanism.

1 21. (Original) The apparatus of claim 19, wherein said preferred channel is  
2 a location-limited channel.

1 22. (Original) The apparatus of claim 19, wherein said preferred channel

2 uses a telephone switching system.

1 23. (Canceled)

1 24. (Original) The apparatus of claim 19, wherein subject matter  
2 information is received using an antenna, a telephone line, a local area network, a  
3 wide area network, a wireless network, or a broadcast network.

1 25. (Original) The apparatus of claim 19, wherein the apparatus is within a  
2 computer, a television, a radio, a telephone, a push to talk device, a pager, a clock,  
3 a thermostat, a network appliance, or a home appliance.

1 26. (Original) The apparatus of claim 19, further comprising a forwarding  
2 mechanism configured to forward said subject matter information.

1 27. (Original) The apparatus of claim 19, wherein said subject matter  
2 information is alarm information.